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- STANDING CONNITTEE CHAIRMAN WAN LI

- 1. SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR LICLEY MET WITH MATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS MEPCH STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WAN LI ON MAY 9 TO DISCUSS WAR'S UPCOMING TRIP TO THE WS. THE AFFABLE CHAIRMAN VELCOMED THE NEW AMBASSADOR, CRACKED A JOKE ABOUT THE THREE GORGES PROJECT, AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT'S INVITATION TO VISIT THE US. AMBASSADOR LILLEY REPLIED THAT WAR'S VISIT WILL BE THE MOST IMPORTANT MIGH-LEVEL EXCHANGE THIS YEAR AND THAT PRESIDENT BUSH LOOKS FORWARD TO GREETING WAN IN WASHINGTON, BOTH FORMALLY AND ON THE TENNIS COURT.
- 2. AMBASSADOR LILLEY PAID A 58 MINUTE COURTESY CALL ON MAN AT THE GREAT MALL OF THE PEOPLE ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 9. WAN OPENED BY JOKINGLY ASKING THE AMBASSADOR IF ME MAD ANY IDEAS ON MON TO MANDLE THE THREE GORGES PROJECT. THIS PROJECT IS ONE OF THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES IN THE WORLD DUE TO DISPUTES IN CHIMA AND ABROAD OVER MON TO BUILD THE DAM, WAN SAID. HE ADDED THAT THE CHIMESE MAYE SPENT MORE THAM A DECADE CAREFULLY PLANNING THE PROJECT, BUT MON IT MUST BE POSTPONED FOR SEVERAL YEARS.
- 3. THE CHAIRMAN THEN WARMLY WELCOKED THE NEW APERASSADOR TO BELLING AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS US TRUP. - VAN STATED THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT'A CHINESE OFFICIAL WAS BEEN INVITED TO THE US AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MPC STANDING COMMITTEE. THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT IS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN US-CRINA RELATIONS, WAR SAID. HE NOTED IN PARTICULAR THAT HE HOPES TO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND TO DEEPEN RELATIONS BETWEEN CONGRESS AND THE MPC. IT WAS BEEN TEN YEARS SINCE HIS LAST TRIP TO THE US, AND HE ALSO HOPES TO MEET WITH OLD FRIENDS AND RETRACE HIS STEPS. WAN SAID THAT HE LOCKS FORWARD TO REETING PRESIDENT BUSH. THE PRESIDENT'S FRIENDSHIP TOWARD CHINA HAS HADE GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RELATIONSHIP, THE CHAIRMAN SAID. HE ADDED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S FEBRUARY THIP TO CHIKA, TAKEN SOOM AFTER HIS INNUGURATION, WAS AN IMPORTANT INDICATION OF THE HIS REGARD FOR US CHINA HELATICHS.

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4. ANTASSADER LICLEY REPLIED INAT THE CHAIRMAN'S TRIP IS THE POST INPORTANT VISIT TO THE US BY A HIGG-LLYEL CLIMES, UFFICIAL THIS YEAR. PRESIDENT BUSH LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING VAMILY VASHINGTON AND TO INTRODUCING HIN TO VICE PRESIDENT QUAYLE, THE AMBASSADOR SAID. AMBASSADOR LILLEY ADDED THAT THE PRESIDENT IS PRACTICING HARD FOR THEIR TENHIS HAIGH. HE THEN BRIEFLY RAN DOWN VAN'S SCHEDULE IN THE US AND TOLD THE CHAIRMAN THAT HE LOOKS FORWARD TO ACCOMPANYING HIM THROUGHOUT THE TRIP. THE EMBASSY STANDS READY TO ASSIST WITH ANY REQUESTS OR RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE TRIP THAT WAN MAY HAYE, THE AMBASSADOR SAID.

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5. WAN TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE IS 73 YEARS DLD AND THAT HE WAS BORN IN DONGPING COUNTY, SHANDONG PROVINCE NEAR THE TOWN OF TATALL WAN IS HARD OF MEARING IN BOTH EARS AND STRAINED TO KEAR THE INTERPRETER-CLEARLY THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. CILLEY

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